

Proclamation

- WHEREAS** the leadership of the medical training communities affected by Hurricane Katrina exhibited phenomenal supervision and direction during an unprecedented local and national disaster, and
- WHEREAS** during the crisis of Hurricane Katrina, the Physicians in Training exhibited immeasurable commitment to their responsibilities, sacrificed their well-being and served selflessly beyond the call of duty in severely compromised conditions in order to protect the lives of the patients entrusted to their care, and
- WHEREAS** during and following Hurricane Katrina many Physicians in Training chose to remain in New Orleans and the surrounding area for their hospital residencies in spite of great professional difficulty and at a significant personal cost,, and
- WHEREAS** a special group of new Physicians in Training chose to begin their careers in Greater New Orleans in spite of the compromised conditions of the region's healthcare infrastructure and the damage to many of the state's medical and training facilities; and
- WHEREAS** these exceptional individuals might have chosen to advance their careers in other vicinities in order that they might enjoy the privileges of less severe and trying conditions but, rather, elected to act upon their devotion to the restoration and preservation of the healthcare of the citizenry affected by Hurricane Katrina, and
- WHEREAS** the many talented, selfless, and courageous young doctors who chose to keep their skills and abilities within this state are thereby delivering a promise of great hope in the restoration of the state's healthcare system, and
- WHEREAS** these individuals, therefore, have contributed greatly to the survival, preservation, restoration and betterment of the Greater New Orleans area's medical community and healthcare infrastructure,
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the day of August 25, 2006, as the**

DAY OF APPRECIATION

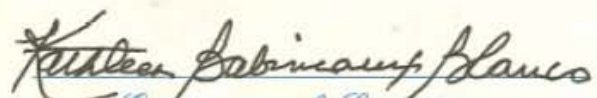
in the State of Louisiana for the Physicians in Training of East Jefferson General Hospital, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, and Tulane University School of Medicine.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 22nd day of August
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana